

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_037_06 Applicants by POLAR3

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

POLAR3 Quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 classifies small areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in Higher Education. Each of these groups represents around 20 per cent of young people and is ranked from Quintile 1 (areas with the lowest young participation rates, considered as the most disadvantaged) to Quintile 5 (highest young participation rates, considered most advantaged). These groups are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant at the time of their application. If a UK postcode is invalid, considered unsafe for measurement or there is no link to Census geography possible then the applicant is classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system.

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POLAR3 Quintile	Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	21,745	24,070	27,180	27,200	26,155	26,775	28,850	29,945	30,075	30,440
POLAR3 Quintile 2	33,730	36,750	39,450	39,875	38,235	39,030	40,735	42,620	42,810	42,610
POLAR3 Quintile 3	44,015	47,640	50,955	50,550	49,135	49,830	51,210	53,275	53,545	53,735
POLAR3 Quintile 4	57,195	60,695	64,205	63,495	60,725	61,215	61,695	64,340	64,370	64,240
POLAR3 Quintile 5	79,320	83,595	85,990	85,745	82,680	82,110	82,995	85,175	86,130	86,380
Not assigned	4,010	785	585	535	500	450	500	520	565	745
Total	240,020	253,535	268,370	267,410	257,430	259,410	265,980	275,875	277,495	278,150